UNITED STATES SHIP LST 456 Monday (Day) 20 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		09° 00' 00" S	
Long.		148° 00' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400: Anchored as before at Buna Roods, in 14 fathoms of water using bow anchor with 45 fathoms of chain out.

J.A. Malloy
J.A. Malloy, Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800: Anchored as before.

J.A. Malloy
J.A. Malloy, Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200: Anchored as before. 0805 mustered all hands at stations-all present. 1045 received orders from flagship to proceed immediately to Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 1100 underway astern of LST 452. 1130 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples. condition normal. 1200 arrived at Cape Sudest and prepared for beaching.

J.A. Malloy
J.A. Malloy, Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600: Underway as before proceeding on various courses and speeds ~~off~~ AT Cape Sudest. Orders for beaching were cancelled. 1306 let go the forward anchor. Anchored in 18 fathoms of water with fathoms of chain out.

N. Carlson
N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000: Anchored as before. 1656-1709 made preparations to change anchorage on orders from Flot X7. 1716 Underway for new anchorage. 1726 Anchored in 22 fathoms of water using 60 fathoms of chain.

N. Carlson
N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400: Anchored as before.

N. Carlson
N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

Approved:
G.W. Prue, LT., U.S.N.

Examined:
E.W. Reap
E.W. Reap, Lt.(jg), USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 456 Tuesday (Day) 21 (Date) December (Month), 19 43

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		09° 00' 00" S	
Long.		148° 00' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400: Anchored off Cape Sudest in 22 fathoms of water using 60 fathoms of chain.

N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800: Anchored as before.

N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200: Anchored as before. 0805 mustered all hands at stations- all present. 1130 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples. condition normal.

N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600: Anchored as before. 1230 began preparations for getting underway. 1300 got underway for Oro Bay, New Guinea, in obedience to message from Commander LST group 20, captain at conn executive officer and navigator on bridge having Captain Scruggs, Commander LST group 20 on board as a passenger. Escorting froup of ten small boats belonging to LST's anchored in vicinity. Course set at 182°(T), standard speed (250 RPM) 1400 anchored in 10 fathoms of water at Oro Bay, New Guinea, using bow anchor chain veered to 30 fathoms. Commander LST group 20 went ashore. 1505 Commander LST group 20 having completed his mission returned aboard. 1505 began preparations for getting underway. 1515 got underway to return to anchorage off Cape Sudest point, captain at conn, executive officer and navigator on bridge. Proceeding on various courses and speeds. 1600 anchored off Sudest Point, New Guinea in 22 fathoms of water using bow anchor chain veered to 60 fathoms. LST's 452, 22, 457, and 202 anchored nearby. Various other craft anchored in vicinity.

Edward C. Robinson
Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000: Anchored as before. 1602 Commander LST group 20 went ashore to return to the flagship.

Edward C. Robinson
Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400: Anchored as before.

Edward C. Robinson
Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

G.W. Prue, LT., U.S.N.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E.W. Reap, Lt.(jg), USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 456 Wednesday (Day) 22 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description .....

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		09° 00' 00" S	
Long.		148° 00' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400: Anchored as before off Cape Sudest, New Guinea, with LST's 452, 202, 22, and 457 anchored nearby.

Edward C. Robinson
Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800: Anchored as before.

Edward C. Robinson
Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200: Anchored as before.0805 mustered all hands at stations-all present. 0830 BROWN, Mark Edmond 670 94 86, SC3/c, USNR, transferred to ComSerFor Atlantic for new construction. 1010 took aboard one LCV with crew of six U.S. soldiers for transportation. 1130 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition normal.

Edward C. Robinson
Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600: Anchored as before.

B. J. Azzar
B. J. Azzar, Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000: Anchored as before.

B. J. Azzar
B. J. Azzar, Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400: Anchored as before.

B. J. Azzar
B. J. Azzar, Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

C.W. Prue, LT., U.SN.
Commanding Officer

Examined:

E. W. Reap
E.W. Reap, Lt.(jg), USNR.
Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 456 Thursday (Day) 23 (Date) December (Month), 19 43

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		09° 00' 00" S	
Long.		148° 30' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400: Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea in 22 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out. In area are 20 LST's of Flotilla Seven. In immediate vicinity are LST's 452, 454, and 457

B.J. Azzar, Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800: Anchored as before.

B.J. Azzar, Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200: Anchored as before. 0805 mustered all hands at stations-all present. 1130 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition normal.

B. J. Azzar, Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600: Anchored as before. 1532 Preparations made for getting underway.

N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800: Anchored as before. 1602 underway for Cape Cretin in company with LST's 22, 204, 452, 454, and 457. Movement order No. 313-43. Echelon 5, section 1. 1615 course set at 000°(PGC), standard speed (250 RPM's) 1658 changed course to 300°(PGC). 1715 changed course to 310°(PGC). 1743 changed course to 343°(PGC).

N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000: Underway on course 334°(T), standard speed (250 RPM's) position astern of LST 457 at 500 yards-column formation 1852 changed course to 330°(T),

N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400: Underway as before on base convoy course 330°(T), standard speed,(250 RPM's), maintaining position approximately 500 yards astern of LST 457 in column formation. 2150 with Mitre Rock abeam to port changed course to 343°(T).

Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

C.W. Prue, LT., U.S.N.
Commanding Officer

Examined:

E.W. Reap, Lt.(jg), USNR.
Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 456 Friday (Day) 24 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		06° 00' 00" S	
Long.		148° 00' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400: Underway for Cape Cretin in company with LST's 452, 454, 457, 22, and 204, echlon 5, 76.2.2 1st. section, under command of Captain Scruggs. Proceeding in two columns in column formation, maintaining 400 yards distance. Steering course 343°(T) and 343° (PGC). Standard speed, (250 RPM's).

B. J. Azzar, Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800: Underway as before on course 343°(T), standard speed. 0530 sounded general quarters 0612 course 025°(T), speed standard. 0625 course 015°(T). 0650 speed zero, approaching Cape Cretin. 0740 on various courses and speeds, went alongside LST 453 in inner Cape Cretin harbor. 0753. All lines secured.

A.J. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200: Moored as before alongside LST 453 transferring fresh water. 0805 mustered all hands at stations- all present. 0845 LST 177 moored portside to, for fresh water. (300 gallons) 1045 tests made preparatory to get underway. 1130 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition normal. 1144 all lines cast off and underway for beach at slip number 6. 1156 made beaching, lines secured to beach.

J.A. Malloy, Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600: Beached as before at Cape Cretin, slip number 6. Began loading equipment and supplies.

N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800: Beached as before. Loading of equipment belonging to U.S. Marine Corps in progress throughout watch.

Edward C. Robinson
Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000: Beached as before--loading continuing.

B.J. Azzar, Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400: Beached as before. Loading continues.

A.J. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

C.W. Frue, LT., U.S.N.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E.W. Reap, Lt.(jg), USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 456 Saturday (Day) 25 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		06° 00' 00" S	
Long.		148° 00' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400: Beached as before at Cape Cretin, New Guinea. Continued loading supplies and vehicles.

J.A. Malloy, Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800: Beached as before at Cape Cretin, New Guinea. 0400 general quarters sounded on red alert signal from beach. 0617 all clear. 0705 Eight LCI's entering inner harbor. Continued loading of equipment and supplies throughout watch.

N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200: Beached as before. Work of loading equipment belonging to Marine Corps in progress. 0805 mustered all hands at stations-all present. 1130 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition normal. 1150 348 U.S. Marines and 32 officers aboard as passengers.

Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600: Anchored as before. 1500 Church pennant hoisted. Service for Catholics and Protestants held. 1600 LST 26 and 465 standing into Cape Cretin Bay. Church service concluded.

E.J. Azzar, Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800: Anchored as before. All secure.

A.O. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000: Anchored as before. 1910 received orders to get underway immediately 1918 anchors aweigh and proceeding from Cape Cretin, astern of LST 452 on course 050°(T) standard speed (250 RPM's), heading for Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

J. A. Malloy, Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400: Underway as before on course 050°(T), standard speed in position astern of LST 452 at 500 yards. 2100 course changed to 354°(T) 2220 course changed to 324°(T).

N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

G.W. Prue, LT., U.S.N.
Commanding Officer

Examined:

E.W. Reap, Lt.(jg), USNR.
Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 456 Sunday (Day) 26, (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		05° 30' 00" S	
Long.		148° 30' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400: Underway as before enroute for beaching at Cape Gloucester, New Britain. Maintaining position approximately 500 yards astern of LST 452 who were acting as guide ship for the convoy. Course 324°(T), standard speed (260 RPM's) 0240 Course changed to 358°(T),

Edward C. Robinson
Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800: Underway on course 358°(T), 356°(PGC), standard speed (260 RPM's), maintaining 500 yards distance astern guide ship 452 in Dog formation.

B.J. Azzara
B.J. Azzara, Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200: Underway as before on course 358°(T), standard speed. 0805 mustered all hands at stations-all present. 1008 course 090°(T) 1043 changed course to 105°(T). 1155 changed course to 110°(T), reduced to two-thirds speed.

A. Kechijian
A.V. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600: Underway as before on course 110°(T), reduced to two-thirds speed.(150 RPM's) 1224 course changed to 135°(T), speed increased to standard. 1235 course changed to 160°(T) 1245 course changed to 180°(T), 1250 sounded condition 1-M preparations to beaching. 1350 made beaching, at yellow one, Cape Gloucester, New Britain. 1357 began unloading cargo. 1434 U.S.S. LST's 454,457, 456, and 452 beached from right to left in that order. 1425 general quarters set by flagship. 1445 enemy planes sighted on starboard quarter, distance about 6 miles, apparently bombing LST's returning to base after beaching. 1448 enemy plane approaching from starboard quarter. Ships opened fire apparently hitting plane. 1451 ships ppened fire on flight of Mitchell bombers mistaking them for enemy planes, resulting in loss of 2 or maybe 3 of our planes. 1500 individual air battles carried on by allied planes at some distance on starboard quarter. 1502 another plane crashed off port quarter into sea, but pilot bailed out, small boat goes to rescue him.. Unloading progressing very satisfactorily.

J. A. Malloy
J. A. Malloy, Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800: Beached as before. Completed unloading at 1745. 1750 retracted from beach and awaited from a short distance for other ships of echelon to retract at 1800.(1700 three Marine casualties brought aboard.)

N. Carlson
N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000: Underway as before maneurving slowly awaiting for remainder of LST's to retract from beach and take position. 1845 course for convoy set at 280°(T). 1850 assumed position 500 yards astern of LST 457 in Dog formation. Convoy formed in position with LST 466 LST 457, LST 456, and LST 454 in that order composing the left column. LST 452, 22, 465, and LST 26, in that order composing the right column. LST 452 acting guide ship. 1912 Speed set at ahead standard (260 RPM's) underway for return trip to Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 1937 set condition of normal cruising with all guns manned by regular gun crews.

Edward C. Robinson
Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

G.W. Prue
G.W. Prue, LT., U.S.N.
Commanding Officer

Examined:

E.W. Reap
E.W. Reap, Lt.(jg), USNR.
Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 456 Sunday (Day) 26 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		05° 30' 00" S	
Long.		148° 30' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400: Underway on course 280°(T) steering 278°(PGC). Speed is standard making(270 RPM's) on all engines. Distance maintained is 400 yards in Dog formation. 2225 Course changed to 270°(T).

B. J. Azzara, Ensign, USNR.

Approved:
C.W. Prue, LT., U.S.N.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
E.W. Reap, Lt.(jg), USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 456 Monday (Day) 27 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		07° 00' 00" S	
Long.		148° 00' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400: Underway as before on course 270°(T). standard speed (270 RPM's) 0004 course changed to 234°(T). At 0051 on course 189°(T), change made by whistle signal from LST 452 0316 Course changed to 144°(T). Speed unchanged.

A. J. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800: Underway as before on course 144°(T), all engines ahead full speed. 0402 LST 457 developed steering gear trouble and swinging to starboard. 0405 LST 457 returned to formation 0600 sounded general quarters. 0640 secured from general quarters. 0710 course changed to 174°(T), all engines ahead standard speed. All secure.

J. A. Malloy, Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200: Underway as before on course 174°(T), all engines ahead standard speed. Maintaining position astern of LST 457 at 500 yards in Dog formation. 0805 mustered all hands at stations-all present. 0922 course 215°(T). 1130 made daily inspection of magazine, and smokeless powder samples, condition normal.

N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600: Underway as before on course 215°(T) speed ahead standard (250 RPM's), maintaining position 500 yards astern of LST 457 in Dog formation. 1343 changed course to 208°(T) 1426 changed course to 163°(T). 1430 changed course to 132°(T).

Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800: Underway on course 132°(T), steering 130°(PGC). speed is standard making 260 RPM's on all engines. Dog formation distance 500 yards. 1710 lowered national ensign to half mast. 1718 two blocked national ensign. Ceremony in honor of U.S. Marine causalty who died on LST 454.

E. J. Azzaro, Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000: Underway as before on course 132°(T), 133°(PGC), maintaining position 900 yards astern LST 466 in Dog formation. All engines ahead standard, (250 RPM's). 1835 Captain Mallard, U.S.N., on LST 466, assumed command. 1841 course changed to 162°(T), 162° (PGC). normal cruising maintained.

S. Spector, Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400: Underway as before on course 162°(T), standard speed ahead. 2000 Course changed to 152°(T), At 2310 sighted lights off Buna two points off starboard bow. At 2322 course 139°(T). 2352 speed reduced to two-thirds ahead. 2353 Speed one-third ahead. 2354 Speed zero. 2357 anchor let go and secured at 60 fathoms in 27 fathoms of water.

A. J. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

C.W. Prue, LT., U.S.N.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E.W. Reap, Lt.(jg), USNR.
Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 456 Tuesday (Day) 28 (Date) December (Month), 19 43

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		07° 00' 00" S	
Long.		148° 00' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400: Anchored as before off Buna. 0002 main engines secured. 0003 secured from special sea detail, set port watch.

S. Spector, Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800: Anchored as before. 0430 started main engines and preparations made for getting underway. 0500 underway on various courses and speeds to assume position in convoy. Captain at the Conn, Executive officer and Navigator on the Bridge. 0545 course set by section guide 130°(T), 131°(PGC), 0550 course changed to 185°(T), 185°(PGC). 0600 all engines ahead two-thirds speed. 0604 all engines stopped. 0605 set special sea detail and made preparations to anchor. 0608 anchored off Cape Sudest in 28 fathoms of water; veered chain to 60 fathoms. 0625 shifted anchorage. 0627 secured main engines. 0629 all stations secured. 0705 Destroyer 386 passed abeam to port. All secure.

S. Spector, Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200: Anchored as before. Morning port routine continued. 0805 mustered all hands at stations-all present. 1130 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition normal. 1155 LCI 28 tied alongside to receive Marine casualties. 1210 transferred one non-ambulatory Marine casualty and two Marine ambulatory casualties to LCI 28. normal port routine maintained.

S. Spector, Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600: Anchored as before. Set special sea detail and all stations and engines ready at 1336. 1400 underway for Oro Bay. Standing into Oro Bay at 1510. Captain ashore and returned at 1600 in LST 454's personnel boat.

A.J. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

1600-2000: Anchored at Oro Bay, New Guinea. Boat hoisted on davit. Set special sea detail and underway for Cape Sudest at 1625. Standing into Sudest at 1835 and anchor let go. All stations secured at 1841.

A. J. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400: Anchored as before at Cape Sudest, New Guinea. All secure.

A. J. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

G.W. Prue, LT, U.S.N.
Commanding Officer

Examined:

E.W. Reap, Lt.(jg), USNR.
Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 456 Wednesday (Day) 29 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		09° 00' 00" S	
Long.		148° 00' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400: Anchored as before at Cape Sudest, New Guinea.

A. J. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800: Anchored as before. All secure.

A. J. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200: Anchored as before. 0805 mustered all hands at stations-all present. 1130 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition normal. All secure.

A. J. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600: Anchored as before at Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 1215 made all test preparatory to getting underway. 1235 underway for new anchorage 4 miles out from beach at Cape Sudest. 1325 dropped anchor. 1345 weighed anchor and proceeded in column formation astern of LST 454 on course 115°(T) all engines ahead two-thirds speed. 1507 increased to standard speed ahead. 1530 LST 22 assumed second position in column 400 yards ahead. All secure, Heading for Goodenough Island.

J. A. Malloy, Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800: Underway as before on course 115°(T), all engines ahead standard speed. maintaining position astern of LST 22 at a distance of 400 yards. Dog formation. 1735 Course 090°(T).

N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000: Underway as before on course 090°(T), speed ahead standard (255 RPM's) maintaining distance 400 yards astern of LST 22 in Dog formation. 1822 passed Spear Island light abeam to starboard distance one mile. 1835 changed course to 088°(T) 1845 received message from flagship, LST 452 for section two to form one eight. 1846 reduced speed to ahead 2/3 (190 RPM's) in order to execute maneuvers. 1855 made 20° turn to starboard and 1904 made 20° turn to port to gain position, 1905 increased speed to ahead standard. (260 RPM's) 1925 changed course to 124°(T). 1946 with Cape Nelson range lights abeam to starboard changed course to 173°(T).

Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400: Underway on course 173°(T), steering 173°(PGC) speed is standard making (255 RPM's), on all engines. 1822 Passed Spear Island light aveam to starboard 1 mile distant. 1835 Course changed to 088°(T). 1845 Forming in column formation. 1925 Course changed to 124°(T). 1946 Changed course to 173°(T). 2028 Changed course to 128°(T) staying on Cape Nelson range.

B. J. Azzar, Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

E.W. Prue, LT., U.S.N.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E.W. Reap, Lt.(jg), USNR.
Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 456 Thursday (Day) 30 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		09° 30' 00" S	
Long.		150° 00' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400: Underway as before on course 128°(T), 129°(PGC), maintaining position 400 yards astern LST 26, in Dog formation. All engines ahead standard, 250 RPM's. 0117 Speed reduced to two-thirds. 0120 made turn to left steadying on 108°(T), 109°(PGC). 0130 made turn to right steadying on 128°(T), 129°(PGC), 0215 changed course to 090°(T), 091°(PGC).

S. Spector, Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800: Underway as before on course 090°(T) standard speed. Course 011°(T) at 0510. Hard left rudder signal from LST 452 which ran aground on shoal; in Moresby Strait heading for Goodenough Island. all ships turned left. 0540 received message from LST 452 to assist in giving her a tow. Captain Scruggs took command LST 456 at 0712 in following operations of towing. 0720 our stern cable attached and made fast to stern of LST 452 LST 466 also assisted in towing operations.

A. J. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200: LST 456 and 466 attempting to tow LST 452 off reef. 0805 mustered all hands at stations-all present. 0815 cable from LST 466 to 456 parted. 0915 made fast another line from LST 466 to LST 456. 0935 LST 452 pulled clear of reef. 0950 heading for Bora Bora, Goodenough Island, on course 355°(T) all engines ahead full speed. 1056 course changed to 345°(T), 1110 heading into beach. 1115 made beaching at slip number 3, bow and quarter wires made fast to beach. commenced loading supplies for transportation. 1130 made daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition normal.

J. A. Malloy, Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600: Beached as before at slip number 1, Goodenough Island, began loading equipment and supplies.

N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800: Beached as before at slip number 1, at Goodenough Island. Loading of Army equipment and personnel continuing.

B. J. Azzara, Ensign, USNR.

1800-2000: Beached as before. Work of equipment and personnel of the U.S. Army in progress. Routine inspection of ship. Condition normal.

Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400: Beached as before. Loading of troops and material continuing at normal rate. 2330 completed all loading. Hourly inspections report all secure.

S. Spector, Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

G.W. Prue, LT., U.S.N.
Commanding Officer

Examined:

E.W. Reap, Lt.(jg), USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP LST 456 Friday (Day) 31 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		09° 00' 00" S	
Long.		150° 00' 00" E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400: Beached as before. Loading continues.

A. J. Kechijian

A. J. Kechijian, Ensign, USNR.

0400-0800: Beached as before at Bora Bora, Goodenough Island. Completed loading cargo and troops 403 men and 22 officers of U.S. Army. 0630 set condition 1M preparatory to retracting from beach. 0652 retracted from beach. 0715 underway in company with LST's 452, 466, 170, 454,22, on course 145°(T). All engines ahead standard speed. 0745 assumed position astern of LST 454, leaving second position open for LST 22, coming up from astern. All secure; heading for Saidor, New Guinea.

J. A. Malloy

J. A. Malloy, Ensign, USNR.

0800-1200: Underway as before on course 145°(T) all engines ahead standard speed. 0802 6 LCI's passed to port heading toward Boro Boro. 0805 mustered all hands at stations-all present. 0820 course 180°(T). 0841 course 255°(T) 1034 course 265°(T) 1038 course 280°(T) 1049 course 307°(T). 1130 APD's 10, 12, 13, 11, 24, 6, 16, 15, 17, passed to port. Daily inspection of magazine and smokeless powder samples, condition normal. 1140 course 306°(T).

N Carlson

N. Carlson, Ensign, USNR.

1200-1600: Underway as before on base convoy course 306°(T), speed ahead standard (260 RPM's) maintaining position 900 Yds. astern of LST 454, in Dog formation. 1242 LST 22 took her position in the convoy astern of LST 454, in Dog formation, we continued in same position which placed us 450 Yds. astern of LST 22, in Dog formation. 1448 changed course to 300°(T). 1450 recieved message from flagship, LST 452, for section two consisting of LST's 454, 22, and 456 to take position 180° relative of section one. 1452 reduced speed to ahead 2/3 (190 RPM's) as preliminary movement in execution to above orders. 1453 convoy course changed to 280°(T). 1510 In position 180° relative of section on having completed a turn of 20° to port. Speed increased to standard(260 RPM's) 1515 Course changed to 300°(T). 1520 course changed to 308°(T). 1550 passed red bouy abeam to port, close to entering channel of Cape Nelson. (1300 inventory of all supplies made by Supply Officer, and three storekeepers.

Edward C. Robinson

Edward C. Robinson, Ensign, USNR.

1600-1800: Underway on course 308°(T), steering 308°(PGC). speed is standard making (260 RPM's) on all engines. maintaining 900 yards distance in Dog formation. 1635 course changed to 350°(T). 1715 course changed to 302°(T). 1740 course changed to 270°(T).

B. J. Azzar

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1800-2000: Underway as before on course 270°(T), 271°(PGC), maintaining position 500 yards astern LST 22, in Dog formation. All engines ahead standard, (250 RPM's) 1825 passed Spear Island abeam to port. 1927 course changed to 307°(T), 307°(PGC).

S. Spector

S. Spector, Ensign, USNR.

2000-2400: Underway as before on course 307°(T). 2215 reduced speed to two-thirds, then all engines stopped. 2216 Laying too, awaiting orders. 2251 underway again, both engines ahead two-thirds. 2300 underway as before steering 307°(T).

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